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the Chinese Communists began constructing coastal defenses from Yingkou (122-13, 40-40) to Hsukou (119-22, 34-43) and they began working on defenses between Hsukou and Fangchi'eng (108-23, 21-46). the initial part* of these defenses had been completed, except for those in a few locations where construction was delayed by an inadequate labor supply and bad weather. These latter defenses are still under construction. The defenses cover a distance of 4200 kilometers along the coast and consist of coast artillery, anti-aircraft gun positions and blockhouses and trenches at strategic points, which are linked by a chain of pillboxes and blockhouses. Thatched-roof observation towers, manned by local militia or Communist troops, have been placed between the blockhouses. Highways connecting major defense points have been reconditioned and telegraph and radio stations have been established. In areas not covered by telecommunications lines, residents have organized teams of runners at stations five kilometers apart.

* Comment. It is not clear what is meant by the initial part.

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